

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 24 as follows:

The load/store functional unit 218 loads data into the processor ~~102~~ 104 from an external memory (e.g., one of the cache memories 102) and stores data into an external memory from the processor 104 based on execution of load and store instructions, respectively. As shown, the load/store functional unit 218 includes a retry logic 286. During operation, if the load/store functional unit 218 attempts to access a resource (such as a cache line in one of the cache memories 102) and receives a NACK, the retry logic 286 attempts to again access the resource. Accordingly, the retry logic 286 attempts to access the resource until an ACK is received. In other words, the retry logic 286 causes the re-execution of the load or store instruction by the load/store functional unit 218 when a NACK is received.